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## Ben Kenney named new Director of Communications for ISDA

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana State Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that Ben Kenney is joining ISDA as the director of communications.

Kenney comes to ISDA from a career in public relations and marketing. Over the years, he has helped generate successful media opportunities for a variety of businesses ranging from small firms to Fortune 500 companies. Prior to his communications career, Kenney served as a legislative staffer in Washington D.C. for U.S. Senator Dan Coats where he handled agricultural affairs.

"We are privileged to have Ben joining ISDA to help with our efforts to promote agriculture on the local, state and national levels," ISDA Director Gina Sheets said. "Ben's expertise in communications and marketing, and exposure to agriculture on the national level will be invaluable assets to our advocacy team."

Originally from Hamilton County, Kenney graduated from Purdue University with a degree in political science. Kenney and his wife currently reside in Noblesville, Ind.